

NO PARTY SUITS HIM.

Gov. Robinson Says Not One of Them is Right.

HE WANTS NO OFFICE AT ALL.

When He Has His Office He Only Did So in Order to "Agitate."

Ex-Governor Charles Robinson is in Topeka today attending the meeting of the State Historical society. Mr. Robinson's name has been mentioned in connection with the candidacy for governor on a coalition ticket between Democrats and Populists, about which there has been so much speculation in the last few weeks.

Mr. Robinson, however, denies any knowledge of any such scheme to bring about fusion and denies that he is a candidate for any office.

"I should consider it a calamity to myself to accept any office within the gift of the people," said Gov. Robinson, "because there are so many responsibilities that I would not feel able to assume, and more than that I am not a candidate for any office, nor am I in the secrets of any political party; the fact is that no party suits me in every particular. I stand with the Democratic party on national politics except in the question of a single gold standard, which I do not believe in."

"While it may seem strange for me to say it, yet I have never been a candidate for any office, but have consented to run several times because I am naturally an agitator and ran for office because I could agitate more. I presume, however, I am out of politics and out to stay."

ARE THEY LAID OFF?

A Report That the Force at the Santa Fe Shops is Decreasing.

It was reported last night that a large number of men employed at the Santa Fe shops had been discharged. In one department it was said as many as half the men had been discharged. Several men who said they had been laid off, paid their bills at North Topeka stores, and exhibited three checks which they had received with their notification of discharge. One check was for their services up to the time the receivers took charge of the road, one from that date to January 1st, and the third from January 1st to the date of their discharge.

At the office of the mechanical department it was denied that any men had been laid off, and the story of the checks was laughed at.

However J. C. Wilson said he did not now know of any men having been laid off.

HE IS NO BETTER.

Mr. Thacher Distinguishes Between Life and Death—Some Hope Expressed.

T. Dwight Thacher is no better today. His family and friends and Dr. Alexander have looked in vain for some signs of improvement. There has been no change for the worse, however, and his condition has remained unchanged since Sunday. Mr. Thacher's fight for life is a stubborn one, in which he has the advantage of a strong constitution and robust health due to the temperate and regular habits which he has observed always. The fact that he has resisted the apoplectic attack as long as he has given his friends encouragement and hope that he may be able to come out conqueror in the unequal fight.

On the front door of Mr. Thacher's residence at No. 821 Fillmore street is a written request to callers to go to the rear door. The callers to inquire after Mr. Thacher's condition are many and continue all day. Each one is given the same response: "There is no change."

Judge Salton O. Thacher of Lawrence is here.

LOCAL MENTION.

Mr. Potts, one of the teachers at the reform school, has tendered his resignation to take effect the 20th of February.

The Equal Suffrage association will meet Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m. at Dr. Eva Harding's office, 529 Kansas avenue.

The case against Ed Tyman, charged with keeping a gambling house on East Sixth street, will be tried tomorrow. It was continued from today.

An open meeting of C. P. A. was held at their hall, 428 Kansas avenue, last night. Speeches were made by Dr. H. C. W. Deshler, Rev. F. M. Purdy and others.

Rev. J. E. Thomas is holding a series of revival services at the First Baptist church, and for two days they have been very successful. Last week forty conversions were made.

Mrs. Maggie Cunningham, widow of Sam Cunningham, has had a severe attack of diphtheria, but is able to be about again. Her many friends will be glad to hear of her recovery.

Charles Barkley and Roy Caron, two white boys, 13 years old, were discharged on account of their worth from police court today, charged with trespassing on railroad property. They jumped on Union Pacific train in motion.

The following officers were elected at the annual election of the Parkdale M. E. Sunday school superintendent, Ned N. Rhodes; assistant superintendent, Sam Cunningham; secretary, Miss Berrie Donnelly; treasurer, Mrs. Battle Biddle; organist, Mrs. Stella Harting; librarian, Miss Marion Gordon; assistant librarian, Miss Zimmerman; chorister, Claude Bergstrom.

One of the plate glass windows of Culver & Bailey's hardware store was broken Sunday evening by some one attempting to cut a hole in the glass large enough to take out several articles which were displayed in the window. A nail was used to cut through the window, but nothing was secured, as the burglars probably became frightened when they smashed the window.

Dan O'Neil, who says he is a "bum" by trade, a tramp who is getting arrested nearly as frequently, as Dan McCarty was two weeks ago. O'Neil was in police court again today for being drunk. He was fined \$5 for the same offense only a few days ago, but was let out before his time had expired, with the understanding that he was to get out of town. Judge Esmonder fined him \$5 today.

Major Harrison will illustrate his lecture to the Sons of Veterans at Lincoln post hall tonight, by showing the knife with which he escaped from rebel prison, a confined sailor, fork and spoon that he carried in the war, many curious specimens that he made while in rebel prison, bullets that he cut from trees on Chickamauga battle field and the rocks on Lookout mountain, and will relate many thrilling incidents of his personal experience.

BRAVE GOV. MITCHELL.

We Will Stop the Fight in Florida or Bust!

St. Louis, Jan. 16.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Tallahassee, Florida, says: If Governor Mitchell has any intention of abandoning his fight against the Duval Athletic club, he does not show any signs of it. On the contrary he is more determined than ever and what is more, he has laid plans which he says cannot fail.

When approached yesterday, he said: "You can announce that I'm going to prevent this fight, for that's what it is, no matter how many other terms are applied to it."

"But it is hinted that the Jacksonville militia has declined to aid you," was suggested.

"That is not true," said the governor, sharply, "but if they did happen to decide, it would not affect my plans in the slightest degree. I'm going to prevent that fight, and that's all there is about it. Corbett and Mitchell cannot fight in this state."

"Have you read that the club has several other plans in view? If Jacksonville is abandoned?" was asked.

"I have," said Governor Mitchell, "and

PHILADELPHIA & READING.

It May Be Left Open to Attacks of Its Creditors.

New York, Jan. 16.—A special to the Philadelphia & Reading railroad company, Samuel Dickson, their counsel and J. H. Dospassos, counsel for the general mortgage bondholders, have held a meeting at the offices of the company and considered a new plan for reorganization.

They state that it will be necessary for a settlement to be made with the holders of Philadelphia & Reading and New England bonds for the release of the Philadelphia & Reading receiver.

If no plan of reorganization can be carried through within a reasonable time, they say, it is apprehended that the United States court will insist upon action being taken by the bondholders or the receivers disengaged, leaving the property open to attack by its creditors.

A NEW BOND SCHEME.

Representative Sibley Proposes to Pay Pensions in Two Per Cent Bonds.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Representative Sibley (Dem., Pa.) has prepared a bill to pay pensions in a new issue of 2 per cent



JAS. J. CORBETT. CHARLES MITCHELL.
TWO FAMOUS PUGILISTS.

WILL THEY FIGHT IN FLORIDA?

I repeat that the fight shall be prevented in the state of Florida. I grant you they may sneak off in the woods somewhere and have it out, but I don't see how even this can be done. I shall not call upon the Jacksonville militia. Some of them are in favor of the fight and have friends who are interested."

"Then you will employ the militia of some other portions of the state?"

"You may draw your own conclusion. The adjutant general has planned to cover every point which might be available and his men are men who may be depended upon. I am prepared in any event."

"Now then," said the governor in conclusion, "I think I have made myself plain. If anyone comes to Florida to see a fight and does not see one, after spending time and money, he can only blame himself. There will I repeat once more, be no place left over."

The adjutant general would say nothing of the plans, further than that the fight would surely be prevented.

Dwarf Athlete Club inactive.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 16.—No move has yet been made by the Duval Athletic club to arrest the pugilists in the boxing match held here last night. It was expected that a test case would be made of the contest, but the Duval people say no action will be taken. H. M. Blagler, who owns nearly all of St. Augustine, says that the Corbett-Mitchell fight will not come off in St. Johns county if he can prevent it.

BETTS ON CORBETT.

Peter Jackson thinks that Mitchell will be knocked out.

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 16.—An Assistant Press representative interviewed Peter Jackson and "Person" Davis regarding the coming Corbett-Mitchell fight. Both Jackson and Davis are strongly of the opinion that Corbett is a favorite.

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MRS. DELLA SMITH'S SUIT.

Breach of Promise Case Being Tried in the Circuit Court.

Judge J. B. Johnson, in the circuit court for the last two days has been hearing evidence in the breach of promise case of Mrs. Della Smith vs. H. F. Horn.

Mrs. Smith and Mr. Horn both belong to the same church and when on the witness stand this morning, Mr. Horn admitted that he had kept company with her. He denied that he had promised to marry her, but admitted that he had three times asked her to go to his house to be his housekeeper and that she finally did go, but went away after staying a week, and when he refused her she left his house. Mrs. Smith wants \$8,000 damages. Her attorney is Frank Horan, and Horn is being defended by Bradford & Huron.

Some interest was displayed as to whether the defeat of Mr. Horan-Blower, a member of the association, would be reflected in the trial. Following the prayer, President J. Newton Piero delivered his annual address. He took for his subject, "Law Reform in the State of New York," and held the undivided attention of his hearers.

Following Mr. Piero, came the reports of the secretary and treasurer and the subject "Is a uniform system of examination for admission to the bar desirable?" was debated by William A. Keevers, dean of Columbia Law School, George Chase, dean of New York Law School and others.

The association adjourned to meet again tonight, when Vice President Stevenson and United States Senator Dolph will make speeches.

Salvation Phonograph.

Hear it tonight. Songs, music and short talks. Ten cents.

"Jim" Simpson of Holton, a brother of Jerry Simpson, is spending the day in the city.

Neck band put on by the Peerless.

NORTH TOPEKA.

Items of Interest from the North Side of the River.

G. W. Kouns of Sallus, is the guest of A. O. Borbaugh.

Mrs. Charles Steinberger, 1215 Quincy, is entertaining her friend, Miss Lydia Perkins of Hutchinson.

The ladies guild of the Church of the Good Shepherd, held a meeting at the home of Mrs. Ben Coults this afternoon.

Some vandals girdled two valuable shade trees on the lawn of T. A. Reagle, in Evans' addition, one night last week.

Amity Lodge No. 231, K. of P., conferred the rank of sage on one member and that of knight on another at their meeting last night.

Henry Rordan, who has been in Canada the past six months, has returned to the home of his parents, corner Saywell and Kansas avenue.

The little son of J. H. Johnson, 314 East Saywell street, died yesterday of consumption aged three years and six months. The remains were conveyed to Silver Lake today for interment.

The remains of E. P. Nichols, who died at Laurel, I. T., Sunday, are expected to arrive this evening, when the time of holding the funeral will be determined. The interment will be made at Rochester cemetery.

2 loaves of bread for a nickel at Ed Beckner's meat market.

Choice refined lard at 7c per pound; leaf lard, warranted strictly pure, at 12c per lb., at Ed Beckner's meat market.

Take your prescriptions to A. J. Arnold & Son, 829 Kansas ave. Established 1870. Try our Witch Hazel Cream for chapped hands and rough skin. A. J. Arnold & Son.

Choice eastern apples 50 cents a peck at J. H. Heller's.

If you want to preserve your pickles use the "Silver Leaf" vinegar. It is guaranteed. For sale by all leading houses.

A fine line of cutlery for the holiday trade at Henry's, 829 Kansas avenue.

Oil heating stoves and baseburners at cost. J. H. Foulds.

25 pounds of fine Pennsylvania buckwheat flour for \$1.00 at J. H. Heller's.

1 dozen fresh country eggs 15 cents at J. H. Heller's.

All the children of Josiah Seal gathered at the family residence, 1225 Jackson street, today, in commemoration of their father's sixtieth birthday. It was a surprise to Mr. Seal, but was no less an enjoyable occasion.

W. G. Lane of the firm of Garner & Lane will speak tomorrow for Fremont, Nebraska, where he will remain for some time while engaged in representing the merits of a proprietary article to the people of our sister state. He will be accompanied by Mr. Lane.

D. C. Weaver, who has been suffering from a complication of ailments all winter, became worse this morning and a consultation of physicians was held to day to see if anything can be done for him. He is an old soldier and it is thought laid the foundation for his present trouble during his army service.

The death of Elmer Browning, which has been expected daily for some time by his friends, occurred yesterday. He had been a sufferer from consumption for more than a year and went to Colorado in the hope of obtaining relief, but returned here a few weeks ago. He was at one time a member of the fire department.

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